(i) Introduction of positive battery metering in cross-bar exchanges.

(ii) Provision of automatic switch over of day and night traffic.

(iii) Reduction of forced release period on called subscriber-held conditions from 1 to 2 minutes to 10 to 20 seconds in case of subscriber's dialled trunk calls.

(iv) Introduction of 500 milli-seconds, delay in trunk automatic exchanges for recognition of called subscriber answer conditions; and

(v) Routine testing of subscriber meter.

3. To safeguard the interest of subscribers and to prevent mischievous elements from tempering with the meter or line the following additional measures have been taken;

(1) Sealing of meters.

(2 Locking of meter rooms.

(3) Restriction of entry into MDF. Room (Main Distribution Frame Room).

(4) Rasing of distribution points.

(5) Locking of distribution points.

Suicides committed in Metropolitan Cities

3130. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicides committed in metropolitan cities of the country from January, 1985 till September, 1986; and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement is enclosed. (See below).

(b) Necessary preventive steps are taken to check the crime where it comes to notice before its committal.

Statement

Number of suicides committed in the Metropolitan cities of the Country from January, 85 till Sept. 86

Metropolitan Cities	January, 85 to Decem, ber, 1985	January, 86 to Septem- ber, 1986
Ahmedabad . .	171	162
Bangalore . .	411	252
Bombay . .	423	160
Calcutta . .	128	85*
Delhi . . .	410	74
Hyderabad . .	184	..
Jaipur . . .	45	..
Kanpur . .	255	20
Lucknow . .	72	..
Madras . .	718	60
Nagpur . .	194	9
Pune . . .	165	137
TOTAL . . .	3176	1641

NOTE: (1) Figures may be treated as provisional.

(2) Dash(—) indicates the Nil Information.

(3) *Upto August, 1986.

Coverage of U. P. Districts by the T. V. network

3131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of districts in U. P. which are not covered by the T. V. network till September, 1986;

(b) by when these districts are likely to be covered by the T. V. network; and

(c) what are the details of T. V. facilities proposed to be transacted to these districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Five districts, i.e. Almora, Chamoli, Lalitpur, Pilibhit and Uttarkashi.

(b) and (c) The VII Plan of Doordarshan provides inter alia, for the establishment of a large number of new TV transmitters including low power (100 Watt) transmitter, one each at Lalitpur (Lalitpur District) and Puranpur (Pilibhit District); and very low power (2x10 Watt) transmitters, one each at Almora, Ranikhet and Kausani (Almora District), Gopeshwar (Chamoli District) and Uttarkashi & Gangotri (Uttarkashi District). Besides, installation of a high power (10 kilowat) transmitter at Bareily is included in the Seventh Plan, which will also provide TV service to Pilibhit District. These transmitters can be installed only in phases, depending on the annual allocation of Plan resources; time required by the indigenous manufacturers to supply the requisite equipment and overall priorities. Installation of the proposed new transmitters in Uttar Pradesh, as mentioned above, will also depend on these factors.

Time devoted for broadcasting/telecasting of Urdu programmes

3132. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The information is not kept centrallotted to broadcasts and telecasts of Urdu programmes from different stations of All India Radio and T.V. centres during the year 1985 and the current year; and

(b) The information is not kept centralgrammes broadcasts from different stations of A.I.R. and T. V. centres on the birth or death anniversaries of leading Urdu poets and writers during the year 1985 and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The information is not kept centrally in a compiled form. However, AIR has allocated certain duration and frequency for broadcast of Urdu programmes and news bulletins over its various AIR station as given in the enclosed Statement. (See below).

Over Doordarshan the telecast of Urdu spoken word programmes, excluding music and plays, varies from 2 per cent to 14 per cent at the Kendras where Urdu programmes are telecast.

(b) The information is not kept centrally in a complied form by AIR. However, the poets|writers in Urdu whose Anniversaries are observed usually by AIR Stations include Galib, Iqbal, Majaz, Akbar Allahabadi, Mohd. Ali Johar, Prem Chand, Jigar.

Doordarshan has telecast 20 programmes in 1985 and 19 in 1986 to date.

Statement

Urdu Programmes Broadcast from Air Stations

A. ALL INDIA RADIO

Sl.No	Name of the Station	Frequency	Duration
1	Aurangabad	Daily	30 mts.
2	Allahabad	Twice a month	20 mts.
3	Ahmedabad	Once a Week	30 mts.
4	Bombay	Daily	30 mts.
5	Bhopal	Weekly	55 mts.
6	Bhadravati	Weekly	45 mts.
7	Bangalore	Weekly	45 mts.
8	Bikaner	Once a Week	30 mts.
9	Calcutta	Weekly	30 mts.
10	Delhi	Daily	40 mts.
11	Darbhanga	Daily	55 mts.
12	Dharwad	Once a Week	40 mts.
13	Gorakhpur	Once a Week	60 mts.